



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Address: COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS
Washington, D.C. 20231
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
09/873,368	06/05/2001	Takahiro Masuda	1046.1255	7432

21171 7590 04/12/2002

STAAS & HALSEY LLP
700 11TH STREET, NW
SUITE 500
WASHINGTON, DC 20001

EXAMINER

HERNDON, HEATHER R

ART UNIT

PAPER NUMBER

2176

DATE MAILED: 04/12/2002

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Patent and Trademark Office
ASSISTANT SECRETARY AND COMMISSIONER OF
PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS
Washington, D.C. 20231

Paper No. 5

In re Application of :
: Application No. 09/873368 : RESPONSE TO REQUEST
Filed: 6/5/01 : FOR REFUND
Attorney Docket No. :

This is in response to your letter submitted 12/6/01, wherein you requested a refund of \$18.00 in the above-identified application.

The request for refund is dismissed.

After thorough inspection of U.S Patent and Trademark Office physical records and Revenue Accounting Management financial records, it is determined that you're not entitled to a refund of \$18.00.

This patent application had a total of 22 claims. However, claim 11 is a multiple dependent claim. Thereby, now making this patent application consist of 23 claims. The patent office will be further charging your deposit account for the multiple dependent claim submitted in this application. The charge for multiple dependent claim/s for a large entity application is \$270.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-9601.

This application will be retained in Technology Center 2100.

Lisa Craney
Supervisory Legal Instruments Examiner
Technology Center 2100, Team 3
Office of the Assistant Commissioner
for Patents